GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:49
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2005
UNIFIED TELEPHONE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised the policy on unified telephone system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this unified system will have an impact on mobile as well as land line phones; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 49 FOR 27TH JULY, 2005 REGARDING UNIFIED TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

(a) to (d) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has submitted its recommendations for Unified Licensing regime to the Government. The recommendations are under consideration and no final decision has been taken so far. The recommendations envisage change in the present licensing structure, reduction in annual licence fee and opening of Internet telephony by access Providers etc. Mobile as well as Land Line phones can be provided by one operator under Unified Licence regime.